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Monthly Newsletter for the Palo Alto Radio Association

President's Message

On Sunday, September 25, PAARA provided communications for the annual Palo Alto Airport Day. Our participation was GREATLY appreciated. They, of course, "don't know what they ever did without us." In addition to Rich W6APZ, my co-chairperson, I'd like to thank Andy K6EHS, Ben KA6SIQ, Bill KE6CHQ, Tom K6JBR, Robin N6ZPO, and Bill AA6PA.

Our October 8 Ampex Auction and Flea Market was a busy and productive day for our club. Thanks to all of our members, too numerous to mention here, who gave of themselves from early morning until completion, and without whom our events would not be so successful.

Steve KD6CNU and Fred K6YT, our nominating committee for 1995, need your help NOW. There are officer and board member positions which need to be filled. Please note that all the wonderful events your club provides for you do not happen by themselves.

Our Holiday Banquet and Officer Installation will be held December 7. Please send your reservations and menu choices NOW while you are thinking about what a great party we are going to have.

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Please help her by sending your contributions early. And, once again, let's uncork all our PAARA talent and creativity.

See you at the meeting
November 4.

de Lily N6PGM



REMINDER

The Holiday Banquet is
December 7.

This is a MUST ATTEND
Absolutely EVERYONE
will be there



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Flea Market Report

PAARA managed the September 10 flea market at Foothill College. Thanks to a great support staff



Photo by N6PGM

everything went off without a hitch. I arrived a few minutes after 6 am and for all practical purposes the lot looked full!

What a dedicated bunch of sellers we have here in Silicon Valley. Koert KC6WCI took the last minute responsibility for leading the fee collection group. They showed up just after 5 am hoping to impose some sort of order on the horde of sellers. Andy VE3FZK and Joel KA7TXV took on the thankless job of strongarming fees out of sellers who got squatters rights before 5 am!

Jeff N6WLA, Bill AA6PA, Ben KA6SIQ, Dan WB6STW, Bill KE6CHQ, and Vic AB6SO shared duties collecting at the front gate.

The food effort went fairly smoothly. I had prepared 200 cups of coffee on a timer earlier that morning.

Fred K6YT was already there with the generator. Paul N6FEG was setting up the

tables, and Bob KD6KYT showed up in a few minutes with 35 dozen donuts (which disappeared like donuts).

Frank WB6QPV, bless his heart, showed up with no prompting to be our hot dog chef. Chris N6VZD showed up with a truck load of soda which oddly sold very poorly for such a warm day.

Out of 36 cases, we sold only about 23. John KD6ZL provided the first 200 pounds of ice with TM KC6IJE providing a resupply about 9:30 am.

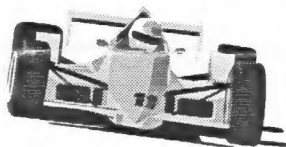
TM, Fred, Chris, and Bob put in long hours at the front table while Joel, John, and others provided support.

At least some of the hot dog support staff were Stan WA6ZGI, Sy WA6ROM, Bernie KC6BYA, Tom K6JBR, and Ron W6VG.

It was a good community effort and special thanks to those my poor old memory failed to record.

Next year we will provide the opening act in March. Let's hope it doesn't rain.

de WA6LNV
Flea Market Chair



EAA Report

Thanks for EAA Rally support. Hams from PAARA and EMARC provided communications for the 22nd Annual Electric Car Rally on September 17 at Moffett Park near Lockheed.

Thanks to Tom K6JBR, Andy VE3FZK, Bob KD6KYT, Dave WS6W, Steve KN6BV, George KF6GL, Dennis KC6PUN, Ann KC6PUM, Arv WA6UUT, and Dave KD6WRG. Andy K6EHS came out as a standby, and deserves recognition even though his talents were not needed. Net control was handled by Rich W6APZ.

Fortunately, the rally ran very smoothly so there was only minimal use of our communications net. Watching the interesting electric vehicles go by helped pass the time. It was important that we were there, however, in case there had been problems. As the communicators were split into morning and afternoon shifts, everyone who wanted to was able to ride in one or more of the electric cars. After helping on the morning shift, VE3FZK rode many laps in an electric station wagon that was for sale. He was so impressed, that Andy is now the proud owner of that electric vehicle.

The rally winner was car #44 with 102.9 miles. The second place, car #49, went 90.2 miles, while the third place car, #52, went 86.1 miles. Note this was done on one charge. All driving was done in normal conditions including start-stop driving. As most commuters travel less than 30 miles each way to work, many of the cars driven in the rally are suitable commute vehicles today. No need to wait for the "Big 3!"

de W6APZ

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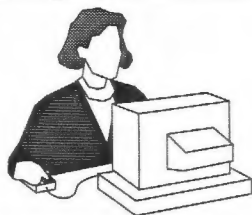
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Editor's Corner



Just a friendly word from your editor-of-the-month. My name is TM - just call me "TM" (It's a long story - you'd rather not hear). I have a Ph.D. in High Energy Physics from UC Berkeley. Of course, that makes me especially qualified to be an editor of anything! (grin - chuckle!)

I got my Ham General (KC6IJE) 2 years ago, and I specialize in hanging around doing odd jobs at flea markets, auctions, and other ham activities.

Many thanks to Dan Curry WB6STW for helping me find PAARA.

I hope I can print this newsletter so it is easy to read, timely, and useful. If I can make it even half as good as Lily did, it will be a great success.

If you'd like to contribute, send me information in any of these forms:

- as a file in Word for the Mac or Word for Windows
- as a text file in any other word processor
- handwritten on paper (or an old napkin or envelope)
- photos, pictures, drawings, etc. (I'll scan them)

I will need all information by the **15th of the month**. (I'll try that to see if it works - if not, I'll just move the deadline a little.)

I would also appreciate your suggestions for features, additions, or subtractions to the newsletter. If you'd like smaller print, more photos, whatever, let me hear from you.

I am also planning a "Letters to the Editor" corner. I would be happy to print any of your questions or comments about any ham subject. I'll even try to find answers to your questions. If you sign the letters, I'll print your

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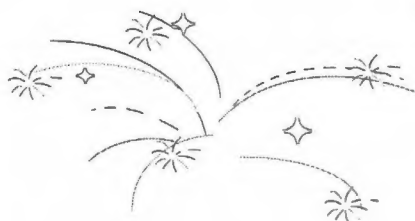
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name. (No personal questions or ads - and don't get cute. I'd prefer to stay out of jail.)

So please let me know your reaction to this issue. My contact numbers are on page 1. See you at the Velvet Turtle.

de TM Vandenheede KC6IJE

PAARA Holiday Party & Officer Installation



The Velvet Turtle

325 Sharon Park Drive, Menlo Park

Wednesday, December 7, 1994

No Host Cocktails at 6:00 pm

Dinner at 7:15 pm

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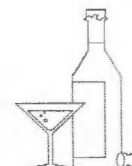
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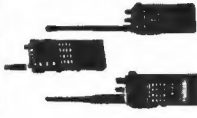
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